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DEPT FOR WHA/CEN JASON MACK, DRL/MLGA AND IO/RHS

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SUBJECT: COSTA RICA: HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL OIC RESOLUTION

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¶11. On March 21, as instructed in reftel, we raised the OIC resolution issue with Guisella Sanchez, who handles human rights issues in the MFA's foreign policy division. We stressed USG concern that the review of mandates outside of the HRC working group dedicated for such reviews would undermine the HRC's efforts to ensure objectivity and non-selectivity and would further promote, not eliminate, double-standards.

¶12. On March 23, Sanchez responded that Costa Rica agrees that all mandate review in the HRC, without exception, should be reviewed by the working group created for this task.

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